

### Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Director of Planning James E. Hartl, AICP



#### MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: <u>CUP 02-260</u>

#### 1. **DESCRIPTION:**

The construction of a retail center consisting of an automobile/vehicle accessory sales pavilion (1,885 sq.ft.), automobile service workshop (6,190 sq.ft.) located on the northwestern portion of the lot, a two-story office/retail building (11,550 sq.ft.) located on the southwestern portion of the lot, and a restaurant (6,700 sq.ft.) located on the southeastern portion of the lot. 179 parking spaces will be provided and the main entrance will be on Parker Road.

#### 2. LOCATION:

Southeast corner of Parker Road, between the I-5 Freeway and The Old Road, Castaic

#### 3. PROPONENT:

Bob and Gayle Bakshi Living Trust 24055 Creekside Road Valencia, CA 91355

#### 4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:

BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT WITH MODIFICATION AS IDENTIFIED ON THE PROJECT CHANGES/CONDITIONS FORM INCLUDED AS PART OF THE INITIAL STUDY

#### 5. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED IS: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PREPARED BY: Impact Analysis Section, Department of Regional Planning

**DATE:** March 3, 2004

PROJECT NUMBER:	02-260
CASES:	CUP



### \* \* \* \* INITIAL STUDY \* \* \* \*

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

I.A. Map Date:	May 1, 2003	Staff Member:	Hsiaoching Chen		
Thomas Guide:	4369 H-7	USGS Quad:	Newhall		
Location: Southe	east corner of Parker Road, bet	ween the I-5 Free	way and The Old Road, Castaic, California		
91384					
Description of Proj	ect: An application for a Con	nditional Use Per	mit to authorize the construction of a retail		
Center consisting of	of an automobile/vehicle access	sory sales pavilior	a (1,885 SF) and automobile service		
workshop (6,190 S	SF) located on the North Wester	rn portion of the l	ot, a two-story office/retail building		
(11,550 SF) located	d on the South Western portion	of the lot, and a r	restaurant (6,700 SF) located on the South		
Eastern portion of	the lot. 179 parking spaces ar	e proposed. The i	nain entrance will be on Parker Road.		
Gross Acres: 3.5	Acres				
Environmental Set	ting: The proposed project s	ite is located with	in the unincorporated community of Castaic.		
The subject proper	ty previously contained cottony	wood riparian veg	getation and gentle slopes to the East. The		
subject property is	located immediately adjacent	to the North Easte	ern boundary of The Old Rd., Southern		
boundary of Parke	r Rd. and Western boundary of	Interstate 5 Gold	en State Freeway. Surrounding land uses		
within 500 feet of t	he site consist of vacant lots an	nd a hotel to the N	orth; a vacant lot and multi-family		
residential units to	the South; Interstate 5 Golden	State Freeway, a	mobile home park, service station and		
vacant lots to the E	East; and a L.A. County Road M	Aaintenance Vehic	cle Yard and mobile home park to the West.		
The project site is a	also less than ½ mile West of a	channelized and	unnamed drainage course that runs parallel		
to Interstate 5 Gold	den State Freeway, and flows it	nto Castaic Creek			
Zoning: <u>CPD (Ce</u>	ommercial Planned Developme	ent)			
General Plan: Ma	ijor Commercial				
Community/Area wide Plan: Commercial [Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan]					

# Major projects in area:

PROJECT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION & STATUS
CUP 90-042	Motel on 2.07 AC in C3 (Approved 10/17/90)
CUP 00-253	Hotel: 121 Suites (Pool, Dining for Breakfast)(Pending)
CUP 97-172	Commercial Service/Retail Business (Pending)
CUP 02-152	Parking Lot for Motel Customers (Pending)

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

# **REVIEWING AGENCIES**

Responsible Agencies	Special Reviewing Agencies	Regional Significance
None	None	None
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	SCAG Criteria
	National Parks	Air Quality
Lahontan Region	National Forest	Water Resources
Coastal Commission	Edwards Air Force Base	Santa Monica Mtns. Area
Army Corps of Engineers	Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mtns. Area	
	☐ Castaic Area Town Council	
Trustee Agencies		County Reviewing Agencies
None		Subdivision Committee
		DPW: Drainage and
		Grading; Geotechnical and
		Materials Engineering; Watershed Management;
		Watershed Management (NPDES
		Section); Traffic and Lighting;
State Fish and Game     ■		Flood Maintenance Division
State Parks		

IMPACT ANALY	YSIS MATRIX	ANA	ALYS			MARY (See individual pages for details)
						than Significant Impact/No Impact
				I	ess th	an Significant Impact with Project Mitigation
						Potentially Significant Impact
CATEGORY	FACTOR	Pg				Potential Concern
HAZARDS	1. Geotechnical	5		$\boxtimes$		Seismic Hazard Zone – liquefaction
	2. Flood	6		$\boxtimes$		Flood Hazard Zone
	3. Fire	7				
	4. Noise	8				
RESOURCES	1. Water Quality	9		$\boxtimes$		NPDES permit required
	2. Air Quality	10				
	3. Biota	11		$\boxtimes$		Major riparian vegetation
	4. Cultural Resources	12				
	5. Mineral Resources	13				
	6. Agriculture Resources	14				
	7. Visual Qualities	15				
SERVICES	1. Traffic/Access	16				Cumulative traffic impacts
	2. Sewage Disposal	17				
	3. Education	18				
	4. Fire/Sheriff	19				
	5. Utilities	20				
OTHER	1. General	21				
	2. Environmental Safety	22				
	3. Land Use	23				
	4. Pop/Hous./Emp./Rec.	24				
٠	5. Mandatory Findings	25				Biota, traffic
As required by the	E Los Angeles County Generaliew procedure as prescribed	al Plai	n, DN		shall	be employed in the Initial Study phase of
1. Development	Policy Map Designation:	Cons	ervat	ion/N	laint	enance
	Is the project located in					r, East San Gabriel Valley, Malibu/Santa
2. Yes \( \sum \) Y	anta (	Clarit	a Va	lley p	planning area? ithin, or proposes a plan amendment to, a	
3. Yes X	urban expansion design	ation	?			
	e questions are answered "yes 5 printout generated (attached		proj	ect is	subje	ect to a County DMS analysis.
Date of printo	out:					
	S overview worksheet comple off reports shall utilize the most curr				ion av	ailable.

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# Environmental Finding: FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document: NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result, will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, in as much as the changes required for the project will reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions).

An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Conditions Form included as part of this Initial Study.

<u>ENVIRON</u>	a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant".
and atta	t least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, d has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the ached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not eviously addressed.
Reviewed by:	Hsiao-ching Chen Date:
Approved by:	Daryl Koutnik John Date: 8 MARCH 2004
This propo	sed project is exempt from Fish and Game CEQA filling fees. There is no substantial evidence that

Determination appealed – see attached sheet.

\*NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

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which the wildlife depends. (Fish & Game Code 753.5).

the proposed project will have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife or the habitat upon

# **HAZARDS** - 1. Geotechnical

### SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone?  The project site is within the boundary of the San Gabriel Fault. (L.A. County
				General Plan Safety Element – Fault Rupture Hazards and Seismic Activity Map)
b.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)?
c.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?
d.				Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction?
				The project site is within a liquefiable area. (State of California Seismic Hazard Zones Map, Newhall Quadrangle)
e.		$\boxtimes$		Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?
f.		$\boxtimes$		Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of over 25%?
g.		$\boxtimes$		ISQ indicates that 15,000 – 20,000 cubic yards of grading will occur.  Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
h.		$\boxtimes$		Other factors?
				The project site is immediately adjacent to a hillside boundary. (L.A. County General Plan Safety Element – Landslide Inventory Map)
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ST	`ANDA	ARD C	CODE RI	EQUIREMENTS
	Build	ling Oı	rdinance l	No. 2225 – Sections 308B, 309, 310, and 311 and Chapters 29 and 70
$\boxtimes$	MIT	IGAT	ION ME	ASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
	Lot S	lize		Project Design Approval of Geotechnical Report by DPW
Ge	otechn	ical R	eport by S	Southwest Geotechnical, Inc. dated 10/24/02 on file. Detailed liquefaction analysis
				8/25/03 stated project will not significant impacts from geology/soil standpoint.
Co		ng the	above in	formation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) otechnical factors?
Г	Poten	tially si	ignificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No Impact 5

#### **HAZARDS - 2. Flood**

# **SETTING/IMPACTS** Yes No Maybe Is the major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, X a. located on the project site? The project site is less than ½ mile West of an unnamed and channelized drainage course that runs parallel to Interstate 5 Golden State Freeway and flows into Castaic Creek. (USGS Newhall, California Quad Sheet) Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or $\boxtimes$ b. designated flood hazard zone? An unnamed drainage course is within the project site. $\boxtimes$ Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions? c. Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from $\boxtimes$ d. run-off? $\bowtie$ Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area? e. ISO indicates that the existing inflow will be altered via a new storm drain. $\bowtie$ Other factors (e.g., dam failure)? f. The project site is within the Castaic Dam or Debris Basin, and immediately West of 100 - year flood areas. (L.A. County General Plan Safety Element - Flood and Inundation Hazards Map) STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS Building Ordinance No. 2225 – Section 308A Ordinance No. 12,114 (Floodways) Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW on 1/6/04 MITIGATION MEASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Lot Size | Project Design Comply with all conditions of approval of the drainage concept approved on 1/6/2004. **CONCLUSION** Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by **flood (hydrological)** factors? Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact Potentially significant

# **HAZARDS - 3. Fire**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS							
	Yes	No	Maybe					
a.	$\boxtimes$			Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Fire Zone 4)?				
				The project site is within Fire Zone 4. (L.A. County General Plan Safety Element – Wildland and Urban Fire Hazards Map)				
b.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, width, surface materials, turnarounds or grade?				
				lengths, within, surface materials, turnarounds of grade:				
c.				Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire hazard area?				
d.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?				
e.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)?				
				conditions/uses (such as fermenes, frammables, expressives mandracturing).				
f.		$\boxtimes$		Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?				
g.				Other factors?				
ST	STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS							
$\boxtimes$				7834 X Fire Ordinance No. 2947 X Fire Regulation No. 8 andscape Plan				
	MIT	IGAT	ION ME	ASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS				
	Projec	ct Desi	ign 🗌	Compatible Use				
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				aformation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) re hazard factors?				
	Potent	ially si	gnificant	Less than significant with project mitigation				

# HAZARDS - <u>4. Noise</u>

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS							
	Yes	No	Maybe					
a.	$\boxtimes$			Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways,				
				industry)?  The project site is immediately adjacent to the Western boundary of Interstate 5				
				Golden State Freeway. (500' Radius Land Use Map)				
b.		$\boxtimes$		Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity?				
		<u> </u>	<b></b>	Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those				
c.	Ш	$\boxtimes$		associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project?				
d.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project?				
				noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project:				
e.				Other factors?				
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	Noise Control Title 12, Chapter 8 Building Ordinance No. 2225Chapter 35							
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Ш	Lot S	ıze	⊠ Projec	t Design 🔀 Compatible Use				
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	Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by <b>noise</b> ?							
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	Potent	tially si	ignificant	Less than significant with project mitigation  Less than significant/No impact				

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# **RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS								
	Yes	No	Maybe						
a.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells?					
				ISQ indicates that domestic water service exists at the project site.					
b.		$\boxtimes$		Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?					
				ISQ indicates that public sewer service exists at the project site.  If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations or is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?					
c.				N/A Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?					
d.				The project is subject to NPDES requirements.  Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?					
				The project is subject to NPDES requirements.					
e.				Other factors?					
	STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS  Industrial Waste Permit								
Cor	nsideri	_	above in	formation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) cted by, water quality problems?					
	Potenti	ally sig	mificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact					

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# **RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality**

DE	T T TTA	G/IIVII	ACIS				
	Yes	No	Maybe				
a.		$\boxtimes$		Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential users or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for non-residential uses)?			
b.				Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?			
c.				Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance per Screening Tables of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook?			
d.				Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources that create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?  The project site is adjacent to Interstate 5 Golden State Freeway. (500' Land Use Radius Map)			
e.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			
f.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			
g.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emission which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			
h.		· 🔲		Other factors?			
ST	STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS  Health and Safety Code – Section 40506  MITIGATION MEASURES Project Design Air Quality Report  OTHER CONSIDERATIONS						
Co	nsider or be	advers	above in	information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) cted by, <b>air quality</b> ?  Less than significant with project mitigation \( \sum \) Less than significant/No impact			
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# **RESOURCES - 3. Biota**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS							
	Yes	No	Maybe					
a.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site located within Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and natural?				
b.				Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas?  Flood control improvements will eliminate riparian vegetation.				
c.				ISQ indicates that 15,000 – 20,000 cubic yards of grading will occur.  Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a blue dashed line, located on the project site?  The project site is less than ½ mile West of an unnamed and channelized drainage course that runs parallel to Interstate 5 Golden State Freeway and flows into				
d.				Castaic Creek (USGS Newhall, California Quad Sheet); an unnamed drainage course is within the project site.  Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g. coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian, woodland, wetland, etc.)?  The project site contains cottonwood willow riparian woodland. Applicant has removed portion of the vegetation within the woodland.				
e.	$\boxtimes$			Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)?  The project site contains cottonwood trees. Applicant has removed portion of the vegetation within the woodland.				
f.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)?				
g.				Arroyo toad known from Castaic Creek, East of Highway 5.  Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)?				
MITIGATION MEASURES  ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ ERB/SEATAC Review ☐ Oak Tree Permit  Fish and Game letter of 3/10/03 on file. A 5:1 habitat replacement will be required.  Army Corps of Engineers claimed no jurisdiction (letter of 1/7/03).								
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# RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological/Historical/Paleontological

# **SETTING/IMPACTS**

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) that indicate potential archaeological sensitivity?
				The project site is less than ½ mile West of an unnamed and channelized drainage course that runs parallel to Interstate 5 Golden State Freeway and flows into Castaic Creek. (USGS Newhall, California Quad Sheet)
b.				Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources?
c.				Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites?
d.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5?
e.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?
f.				Other factors?
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				Competing and 4 the against leave a gignificant impact (individually or asymptotically)
				formation, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) orical, or paleontological resources?
	Potent	ially si	gnificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

# **RESOURCES - 5. Mineral Resources**

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	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
b.				Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?
c.				Other factors?
	MIT		TION ME	ASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS  Project Design
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Со		ing the	e above in	formation, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively)
on			ources?	
	Potent	ially si	ignificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

# **RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources**

SE'	SETTING/IMPACTS					
	Yes	No	Maybe			
a.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use?		
b.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?		
c.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment that due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?		
d.				Other factors?		
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			e above in resources	formation, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) s?		
	☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact					

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# **RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS					
	Yes	No	Maybe			
a.				Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed?  The project site is immediately adjacent to the Western boundary of Interstate 5  Golden State Freeway – Second Priority Scenic Highway. (Scenic Highway System Map Index)		
b.				Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?		
c.				Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area that contains unique aesthetic features?		
d.		$\boxtimes$		Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?  The proposed project is adjacent to the Eastern boundary of an existing road maintenance and vehicle yard for L.A. County. (500' Radius Map)		
e.				Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?		
f.				Other factors (e.g., grading or landform alteration)?		
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	Lot S	ize		Project Design		
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	CONCLUSION  Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively)					
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	Potentially significant  Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact					

# **SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS						
	Yes	No	Maybe				
a.		$\boxtimes$		Does the project contain 25 dwelling units, or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?			
b.		$\boxtimes$		Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?			
c.		$\boxtimes$		Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?			
d.		$\boxtimes$		Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?			
e.		$\boxtimes$		Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?			
f.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or program supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus, turnouts, bicycle racks)?			
g.				Other factors?			
$\boxtimes$	MIT	IGAT	TON ME	ASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS			
	Proje	ct Des	sign 🛚	Traffic Report			
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		-	e above in ss factors'	formation, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively)?			
	Potentially significant  Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact						

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# **SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS						
	Yes	No	Maybe				
a.		$\boxtimes$		If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems at the treatment plant?			
b.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?			
c.				Other factors?			
ST	AND	ARD (	CODE RI	EQUIREMENTS			
	Sanita	ary Se	wers and	Industrial Waste – Ordinance No. 6130			
	Plum	bing C	Code – Oro	dinance No. 2269			
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C	CONCLUSION						
	Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to <b>sewage disposal</b> facilities?						
	] Poten	tially si	ignificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact			

# **SERVICES - 3. Education**

2F	SETTING/IMPACTS						
	Yes	No	Maybe				
a.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?			
b.				Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools that will serve the project site?			
c.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create student transportation problems?			
d.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?			
e.				Other factors?			
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	Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to <b>educational</b> facilities/services?						
	Potentially significant  Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact						

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### **SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS					
	Yes	No	Maybe			
a.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site?		
b.		$\boxtimes$		ISQ indicates that the nearest fire station is $\sim 1/2$ mile away.  Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area?		
c.				Other factors?		
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# **SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS					
	Yes	No	Maybe			
a.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?		
b.		$\boxtimes$		Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?		
c.		$\boxtimes$		Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?		
d.				Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?		
e.				Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?		
f.				Other factors?		
ST	STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS  Plumbing Code – Ordinance No. 2269  Water Code – Ordinance No. 7834  MITIGATION MEASURES  OTHER CONSIDERATIONS					
	Lot Si			Project Design		
Co	CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to <b>utilities</b> services?					
	Potentially significant  Less than significant with project mitigation   Less than significant/No impact					

# **OTHER FACTORS - 1. General**

SETTIN	SETTING/IMPACTS						
Yes	No	Maybe					
a. 🔲	$\boxtimes$		Will the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?				
b	$\boxtimes$		Will the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community?				
c. 🔲	$\boxtimes$		Will the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land?				
d.			Other factors?				
			EQUIREMENTS  Code, Title 24, Part 5, T-20 (Energy Conservation)				
	TIGAT	TION ME	ASURES OTHER CONSIDERATIONS				
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# OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety

SE	TTIN	G/IM	PACTS			
_	Yes	No	Maybe	Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?		
a.	Ш	$\boxtimes$		ISQ indicates that motor oil/cleaning solvent will be stored on site.		
b.		$\boxtimes$		Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?		
c.		$\boxtimes$		Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?  Multi-family residential units are located within 500' South of the project site. (500'		
d.		$\boxtimes$		Land Use Map)  Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site?		
e.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?		
f.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?		
g.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment?		
h.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?		
i.		$\boxtimes$		Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		
j.				Other factors?		
	MITIGATION MEASURES  Toxic Clean-up Plan  OTHER CONSIDERATIONS					
	CONCLUSION  Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact relative to public safety?					
	☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact					

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# **OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use**

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS						
	Yes	No	Maybe				
a.		$\boxtimes$		Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property?			
b.		$\boxtimes$		Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property?			
c.		$\boxtimes$		Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria: Hillside Management Criteria? SEA Conformance Criteria?			
	П	П	П	Other?			
d.				Would the project physically divide an established community?  Other factors?			
e.				Other factors?			
	☐ MITIGATION MEASURES ☐ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS						
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				aformation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on t due to <b>land use</b> factors?			
	Potentially significant  Less than significant with project mitigation   Less than significant/No impact						

### OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation

# **SETTING/IMPACTS** No Yes Maybe Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population X a. projections? Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through $\boxtimes$ b. projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)? Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing? $\boxtimes$ c. Could the project result in substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase $\boxtimes$ d. in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)? Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents? $\boxtimes$ e. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the $\boxtimes$ f. construction of replacement housing elsewhere? Other factors? g. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS** MITIGATION MEASURES **CONCLUSION** Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to population, housing, employment, or recreational factors? $\square$ Less than significant with project mitigation $\boxtimes$ Less than significant/No impact Potentially significant

# MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.			$\boxtimes$	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
b.				Biota  Does the project have possible environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
c.		$\boxtimes$		Traffic Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?
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# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Director of Planning James E. Hartl, AICP



# PROJECT CHANGES/CONDITIONS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

#### PROJECT No. CUP 02-260

The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) staff has determined that the following conditions or changes in the project are necessary in order to assure that there will be no substantial evidence that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.

The applicant shall deposit the sum of \$3,000 with the DRP within 30 days of permit approval in order to defray the cost of reviewing and verifying the information contained in the reports by a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP).

#### Geotehnical

To mitigate project's potential geotechnical impacts, the applicant shall submit a detailed liquefaction analysis to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works prior to issuance of any grading permits.

#### Flood

To mitigate project's potential impact on drainage, the applicant shall comply with all requirements of the drainage concept to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

#### **Water Quality**

The applicant shall submit a Stormwater Quality Plan to the Department of Public Works for review and approval prior to issuance of grading permits and comply with NPDES requirement of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Department of Public Works.

#### **Biota**

To mitigate project's impact on 0.29 acres of cottonwood riparian habitat, the applicant shall submit a habitat enhancement plan for a total of 1.45 acres of cotton woodwillow riparian woodlands for review and approval by the California Department of Fish and Game prior to issuance of any grading permits. The location for the habitat enhancement shall be located within the Castaic Creek Watershed or Santa Clara River Watershed within the Los Angeles County. A copy of the enhancement plan and all subsequent reports shall be submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning.

#### **Traffic**

To mitigate project's potential cumulative impacts on the following County intersections, the applicant shall contribute its fair share of fee to the Castaic Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee (B&T) District prior to issuance of any building permit.

- ξ The Old Road at Lake Hughes Road/Sloan Canyon Road
- $\xi$  Golden State (I-5) Freeway Southbound On-Ramp at Parker Road
- ٤ I-5 Northbound Off-Ramp at Parker Road

To mitigate project's potential cumulative impacts on County intersections and roadways, the applicant shall be responsible for the following improvements:

- The northern project driveway on the Old Road shall be restricted to right-turn in and out only. The southern project driveway on the Old Road shall be granted full access with adequate left-turn pocket on the Old Road.
- Restrict the driveway on Parker Road to right-turn in and out only.
- The eight parking spaces adjacent to the driveway on Parker Road are for display vehicles or employee parking only. Proper signage shall be installed to indicate such
- Restrict the off-loading to be on-site only and not within any adjacent public right of way.
- Detailed striping and signing plans along the project frontage for Parker Road and the Old Road shall be prepared and submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval.

Prior to issuance of any building permit, the applicant shall contribute its proportionate shares of the cost for traffic signals for the following intersections in order to mitigate project's potential cumulative impacts on County intersections and roadways: the Old Road at Lake Hughes Road and Sloan Canyon Road, I-5 Freeway Southbound On-Ramp at Parker Road, and I-5 Northbound Off-Ramp at Parker Road. The estimated cost of the signal will be adjusted each year to reflect the Consumer Price index used by the Department of Regional Planning in March of each year.

#### **Mitigation Compliance**

As a means of ensuring compliance of above mitigation measures, the applicant and subsequent owner(s) are responsible for submitting annual mitigation compliance report to the DRP for review, and for replenishing the mitigation monitoring account if necessary until such time as all mitigation measures have been implemented and completed.

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Applicant	Date			
No response with 10 days. Environmental changes/conditions be included in the project.	Determination	requires	that	these
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# MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM PROJECT No. CUP 02-260

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Monitoring Agency or Party

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concept to the satisfaction of				
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review and approval prior to				
issuance of grading permits and				
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requirement of the Regional				
and the Department of Public				
Works.				
Biota				
The applicant shall mitigate for	Habitat	Prior to issuance of grading	Applicant	Regional Planning
the permanent loss of 0.29	enhancement/restoration will	permit		California Department of Fish
acres of California Department	consist of plantings of willow			and Game
of Fish and Game jurisdictional	(Salix sp.) and cottonwood	A five year maintenance and		
area by the enhancement or	(Populus fremontil) trees,	monitoring program shall be		
restoration of 0.58 acres of	planting or seeding of other	implemented, the performance		
cottonwood/willow riparian	locally indigenous riparian plant	standards of which shall include		
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Payment of B&T fee	species. A list or plant species to be used for the restoration shall be submitted to the Department of Regional Planning for review and approval.  Prior to installation of the enhancement/restoration, the permitee shall post a performance security, satisfactory to the CDFG, in an amount and form sufficient to cover the cost of replacement and enhancement/restoration in a more suitable location in the event the performance standards have not been met.
Prior to issuance of any building permit	five years.
Applicant	
Public Works	

Responsible Agency or Party

Monitoring Agency or Party

Mitigation

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Submittal of annual Mitigation Measure Compliance report and replenishment of Mitigation Monitoring account	Payment of improvement cost	
Annual under such time as all mitigation measures have been implemented.	Prior to issuance of any building permit	
Applicant	Applicant	
Regional Planning	Public Works	

Mitigation	Action Required	When Monitoring to Occur	Responsible Agency or Party	Monitoring Agency or Party
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